

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2705
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CANTONMENT BOARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to the various Cantonment Boards in the country for the construction works during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to deal with the problems of education, health and other amenities in these cantonment areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Year-wise and state-wise details of special grants provided by the Central Government during the last three years to the Cantonment Board for construction works are as under:-

State	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
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(Rupees in Lakhs)

Maharashtra	30.00	28.08	
Madhya Pradesh	65.52		
Uttar Pradesh / Uttaranchal	16.00		
Bihar / Jharkhand	46.02	100.21	

Total	95.52	90.10	100.21
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(b) Under section 116 of Cantonments Act, 1924, it is duty of every Board to make reasonable provisions for education, health and other amenities. Each Cantonment Board makes provision for these activities from their own resources. However in case of deficit Boards, Central Government provides Ordinary Grant-in-aid to meet the requirement of Cantonment Boards. In the year 2000-2001, Rs. 21.43 Crore were disbursed as Grant-in-aid to deficit Cantonment Boards.